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In re application of:

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For: LIQUID TREATING APPARATUS

Art Unit: 1724

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(c) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(c):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-342917 published by the Japanese Patent Office on December 12, 2000; and
- B. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open No. 4-70187 published by the Japanese Patent Office on June 22, 1992.

The above-listed prior art are in Japanese, and the English translation of each one of these prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract of prior art A is attached to the copy thereof. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of prior art A is omitted herein.

Since prior art B is not in English and no English translation or English language abstract is available at this time to the undersigned, a concise explanation of the relevance of each of these prior art is presented below pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.98(a)(3):

The prior art B discloses a filter unit for water purifying apparatus that uses a


cylindrical body formed by a composite filtering medium in which an adsorptive material is fixed and sandwiched between nonwoven fabrics of two or more layers which include at least one layer of nonwoven fabric into which silver plated fibers are mixed. The upper and lower end surfaces of the cylindrical body is tightly closed by water non-permeable sealing members, and an opening is provided at the center of one of the two water non-permeable sealing members.

The fee for \$180 required by 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) and set forth in 1.17(p) is enclosed.

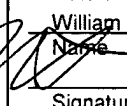
In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them.

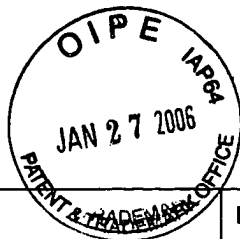
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